

# Needham Youth Services

## Board of Director Meeting Notes

November 19, 2011

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 9/14/2011; October & November Department Report; VIP Mentor Training Manual; August RAY of Hope Press Release; QPR training flyer; Babysitting class flyer; Peer tutor training evaluation compilation; VIP pictures; and seven (7) newspaper articles.

### ➤ Accepted Minutes of 9/14/2011

### ➤ Tour of Town Hall

### ➤ Community Focus:

Discussed events in the community including:

- Suicide Prevention Coalition's sculpture plans for Needham High School are moving forward, a meeting will be held with the artist 11/17
- Needham Steps Up, the organization supporting a mentoring program for underprivileged high school students, had a very successful fundraiser
- Two 5<sup>th</sup>-quarter events have been held this year with over 300 students attending, they may look into more public relations to draw in even more students
- The Powder-Puff football game is back in Needham and starting to practice

### • Program Focus: VIP (Valuable Interactions Among Peers)

Discussed the new VIP program which has 12 matches for the year. The program is off to a great start and has had two smooth mentoring nights to date. Members can learn more at [www.needhamma.gov/youth/vip](http://www.needhamma.gov/youth/vip).

### • FY2013

Jon will begin budgetary meetings on 11/16

### • New/Old Business:

Updates covered the following:

- Katy has returned from maternity leave and it is great to have her back!
- Bullying Intervention Program referrals are starting to come in and have intakes
- Our clinical intern, Liz, has been a great contributor to the department overall
- Picture Perfect workshops began at Pollard this week and are now done in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade instead of 8<sup>th</sup>
- Babysitting trainings are full, there will be follow-up regarding a meet and greet for parents and babysitters in the future
- The 2012 Forde Award recipient will be selected by the award committee after this meeting
- Jon gave two presentations at the Saturday Pollard Parent Conference presentation with great reviews
- Make a Statement Day will continue to be generously funded by Mark Silverman of Mark's Moving and Lisa Silverman of Lisa's Boutique, the kickoff planning meeting with students is 11/18
- Peer tutor is running smoothly with 50 matches, first check-ins are next week
- Jon will be speaking at the Needham Women's Club next week
- Board members may need an updated Ray of Hope schedule

### • Upcoming Meeting: December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Highland Room located on the lower level of Town Hall

### • Adjourn

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Jessica Hogue, Allison Berger, David Bookston, Ronnie Haas, Danielle Penny, Vin Springer, Debbie Winnick
Members Absent:	(None)
Staff Present:	Katy Colthart, Michelle Butman
Notes By:	Michelle Butman